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NASS to survey farmers' planting intentions for 2018

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – What is on the horizon for Kentucky farmers in 2018 as they finalize plans for planting this spring? The March Agricultural Survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey more than 1,800 farmers in the Commonwealth to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

"This survey has two important functions: To get a read on the potential supply of grain for 2018 and to measure how much of the 2017 production remains in storage," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "These two pieces of information will be vital for producers as they make business decisions. This data is also important for Kentucky agriculture that depends on grain, such as poultry, beef, and hog growers; milk producers; and distilleries."

The survey is asking producers to provide information about the types of crops they intend to plant in 2018, how many acres they intend to plant, and the amounts of grain and oilseed they store on their farms. NASS encourages producers to respond online or by mail. Those producers who do not respond by Feb. 27, may be contacted for a telephone or personal interview.

NASS will compile and analyze the survey information and publish the results in the annual Prospective Plantings report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on March 31, 2018.

As with all NASS surveys, the results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. For more information about Kentucky surveys and reports, call the NASS Kentucky Field Office at (800) 928-5277, or visit https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Kentucky/.

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